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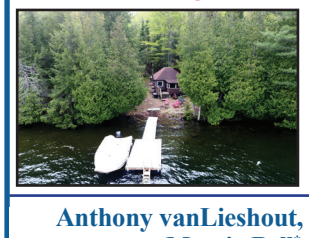

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Tourism Tales from My Haliburton Highlands

Where did summer go? That is a sentiment I have been hearing a lot over the past few days and an emotion I myself have been feeling. If you're anything like me, spring is a season of anticipation as the weather turns warm and the days grow longer. And summer is a season of enjoyment. Whether it's enjoying sunsets, barbecues with friends, swims in your favourite lake, festivals and events throughout the county; there is much to enjoy about summer in the Haliburton Highlands.

ANGELICA INGRAM
My Haliburton Highlands

However, after summer comes fall and there is so much to enjoy in the Highlands during the season of autumnal colours. Many tell me it's their favourite season of all in Haliburton County. And with fall comes Hike Haliburton, an award winning festival that takes place over four days throughout the region. This year it will run from Sept. 19 to 22 and offer more than 30 hikes and paid experiences. Led by volunteers, the hikes range from beginner level to advanced, and are interactive, educational and engaging. To register for a free hike, visit festival.hikehaliburton.com. Thank you to all the volunteers and participants who make this festival a success year after year!

Celebrations of the County's 150th anniversary continue, with county staff working collaboratively with the member municipalities at community events and festivals. There has been a number of partnerships this year to commemorate the anniversary, including at Minden Canada Day, the Red Cross Outpost, Stanhope Fly-In, Haliburton Midnight Madness, Haliburton and Minden Rotaryfest, Dorset Recreation Centre Re-opening, Wilberforce Agricultural Fair and Minden Pride. Stay tuned for a few more pop up partnerships to take place over the fall.

Other activities that have taken place include a photo scavenger hunt with 12 historic landmarks located throughout the county, a Haliburton County 150 trivia contest facilitated by the Haliburton County Public Libraries, downtown banners in Haliburton and Minden and historical displays at local museums and library branches. To read about the activities and to participate, visit myhaliburtonhighlands.com/county-150.

For the past few months, the County has been developing the implementation strategy for the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) and the creation of a Municipal Services Corporation (MSC).

Through multiple avenues, the public has been given opportunities to weigh in on the MAT and the creation of an MSC. This has been done through a public survey and a series of public virtual meetings that are open for all to attend. To date, a number of groups and individuals have participated in both the survey option and engagement sessions, with an array of suggestions and feedback submitted. To access the survey and more information, visit wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/municipal-accommodation-tax-destination-marketing.

The final engagement session is scheduled for Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. and will be held virtually. If you are interested in attending this session, email aingram@haliburtoncounty.ca. If you cannot attend but would like to submit questions or comments, contact me at your convenience.

It wouldn't be the end of summer without the amazing Kinmount Fair, a time-honoured tradition in my family. Be sure to check out the midway, live music and agricultural booth. And of course, what would fall be without Colourfest, where pumpkin rolling is a sport and scarecrow decorating is serious business. Mark your calendar for Sept. 28th for this event set to take place in Head Lake Park. And as always, the popular Haliburton County Studio Tour is back the first two weekends of October. Travel throughout the Highlands and discover incredible local artisans creating in their homes and studios.

As always, we are open to hearing from you about what you have going on. Never hesitate to drop us an email at info@haliburtonhighlands.com or give us a call at 1-800-461-7677. And be sure to check out myhaliburtonhighlands.com for our calendar of events filled with information about what is happening in our beautiful county. You can also follow us on social media by searching My Haliburton Highlands.

I hope you savour the lingering sweet moments of summer and gently transition to a rejuvenating fall season, filled with hikes, art, and time spent with friends and family.

Happy fall!

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Burner Herzog: An exhibit at Agnes Jamieson Gallery

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is pleased to welcome back artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward, with their exhibit Burner Herzog.

Near Gary and Victoria's log home is an abandoned sawdust burner, the last one believed to be still standing in Ontario. This abandoned burner is a 'vestigial' implement that the logging industry used regularly to incinerate the sawdust made from processing cut trees. Gary and Victoria work towards illuminating the idea that industry and landscape are intertwined. These type of abandoned structures have long been a major subject matter of their artwork.

Gary has exhibited across Canada and in England. He was artist-in-residence at the Art House in Yorkshire, England, the Straumur Arts Commune in Iceland, the Norfolk Arts Centre Simcoe, Ontario and at Pouch Cove in Newfoundland.

As someone who came from theatre and created dynamic stories, making paintings based on the landscape was a very natural, artistic evolution for Victoria. Her work has been exhibited across Canada and England, and she has been the recipient of multiple awards. Victoria also writes and contributes to catalogues, cultural journals and digital sites across Canada.

Burner Herzog will be on display Aug. 22 to Nov. 23. All are welcome.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is a public gallery with year-round visual exhibitions of local and regional art. The Gallery is part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre which also includes the Heritage Village and Nature Place Interpretive Centre. The Gallery is fully accessible and is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation.

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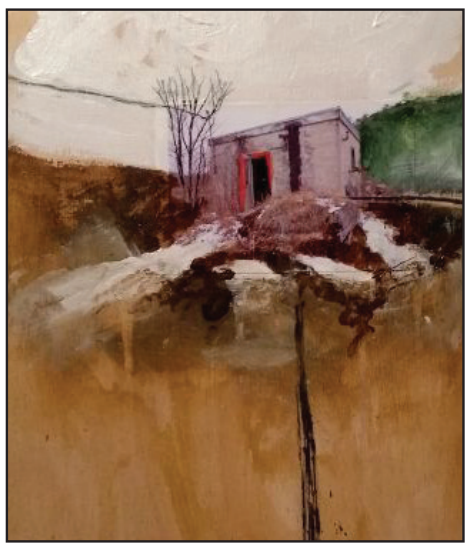

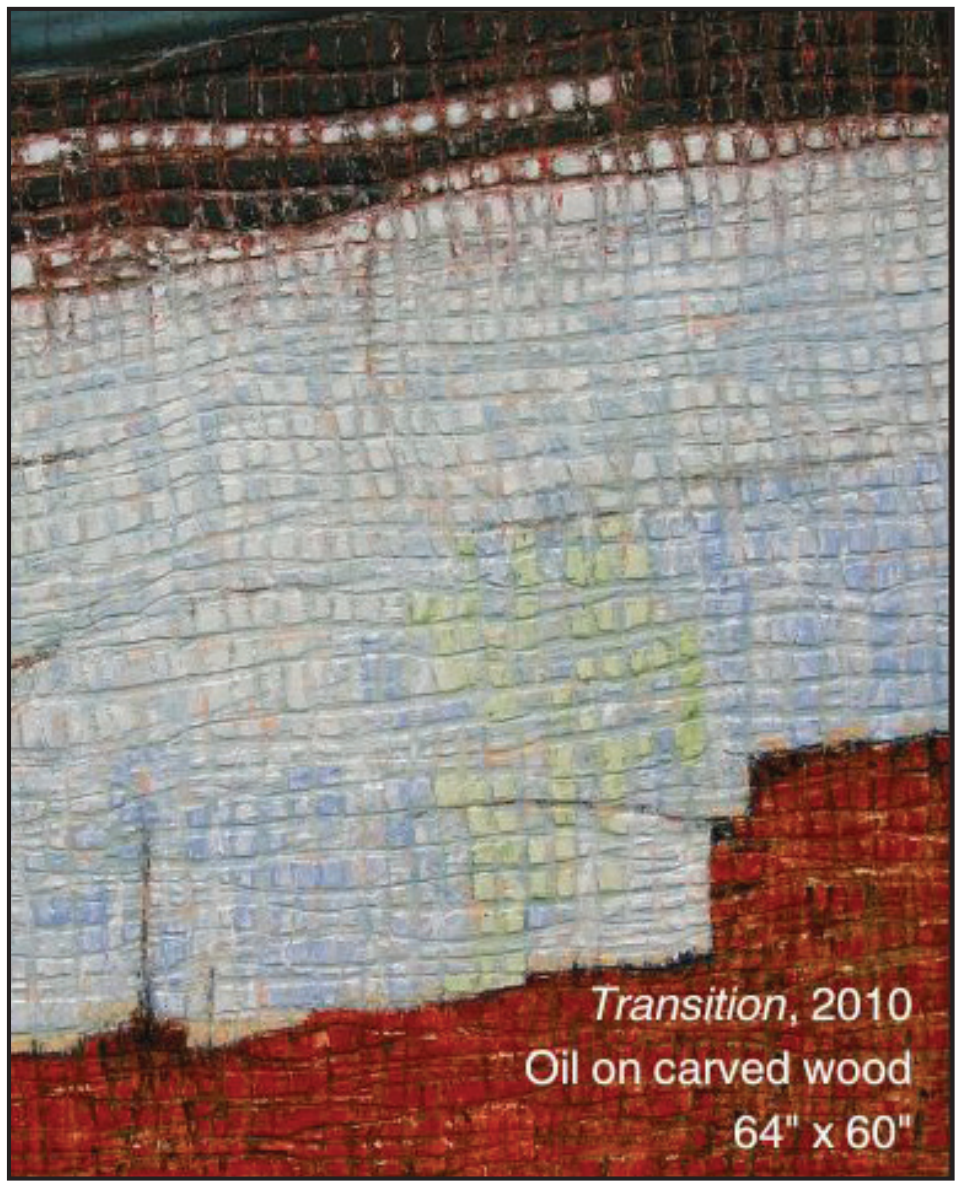

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Digital Collage Workshop
Instructor: Corin Ford Forrester

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ARTS 2786
Wool Appliqué Table Mat Workshop
Instructor: Yvonne Iten Scott

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Kinmount Fair makes changes for Warriors' Day

The Kinmount Agricultural Society is excited to announce changes to this year's Kinmount Fair, with a special focus on Saturday, which will be celebrated as Warriors' Day. Instead of the traditional Warriors' Day Parade, this year's event will honour veterans and Royal Canadian Legion members with a series of special activities and presentations on the Fairgrounds.

In a heartfelt tribute to the dedication and service of Canada's military personnel, the Agricultural Society is granting free admission on Saturday to all veterans and Royal Canadian Legion members who present their official identification at the gate. Additionally, Cadet Members who arrive in uniform will also enjoy complimentary entry.

Veterans, Cadets and Legion Members are encouraged to participate as representatives of their respective organizations and we would ask that they contact Ira Peters, RCL Branch 441 President at 705-886-0404 to register their participation and be formally included in the special presentation.

/FILE

The highlight of the day will be the Warriors' Day Legion of Honour Celebration from noon to 1 p.m. at the Grandstand. This solemn and celebratory event will feature an impressive display of pipes and drums, creating a stirring atmosphere of respect and admiration. The presentation will culminate in a mass color party and parade of veterans, allowing attendees to pay their respects and show their gratitude to those who have served.

"We wanted to do something extra special this year to honor our veterans and active service members," said Sylvin Cloutier, President of the Kinmount Agricultural Society. "We have partnered with our local Canadian Legion, Branch 441 to create a day in honour of service. By offering free admission and organizing the Warriors' Day Legion of Honour Celebration, we hope to express our deep appreciation for their sacrifices and service."

The Kinmount Fair, a cherished annual tradition, promises a weekend filled with fun, community spirit, and heartfelt tributes. Alongside the Warriors' Day events, fairgoers can look forward to a variety of activities, including agricultural displays, live entertainment, and a wide range of family-friendly attractions.

The Kinmount Agricultural Society invites everyone to join in the celebrations and honour the heroes of the community. The fair will run from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, with Warriors' Day set for Saturday, Aug. 31.

For more information on the fair and a full schedule of events, visit the Kinmount Fair website kinmountfair.net or contact the Kinmount Agricultural Society directly 705-488-2781.

About the Kinmount Agricultural Society

The Kinmount Agricultural Society is dedicated to promoting agricultural awareness and community spirit through the annual Kinmount Fair. With a rich history dating back over a century, the fair remains a cornerstone event in the community, celebrating the best of rural life and bringing together people from all walks of life.

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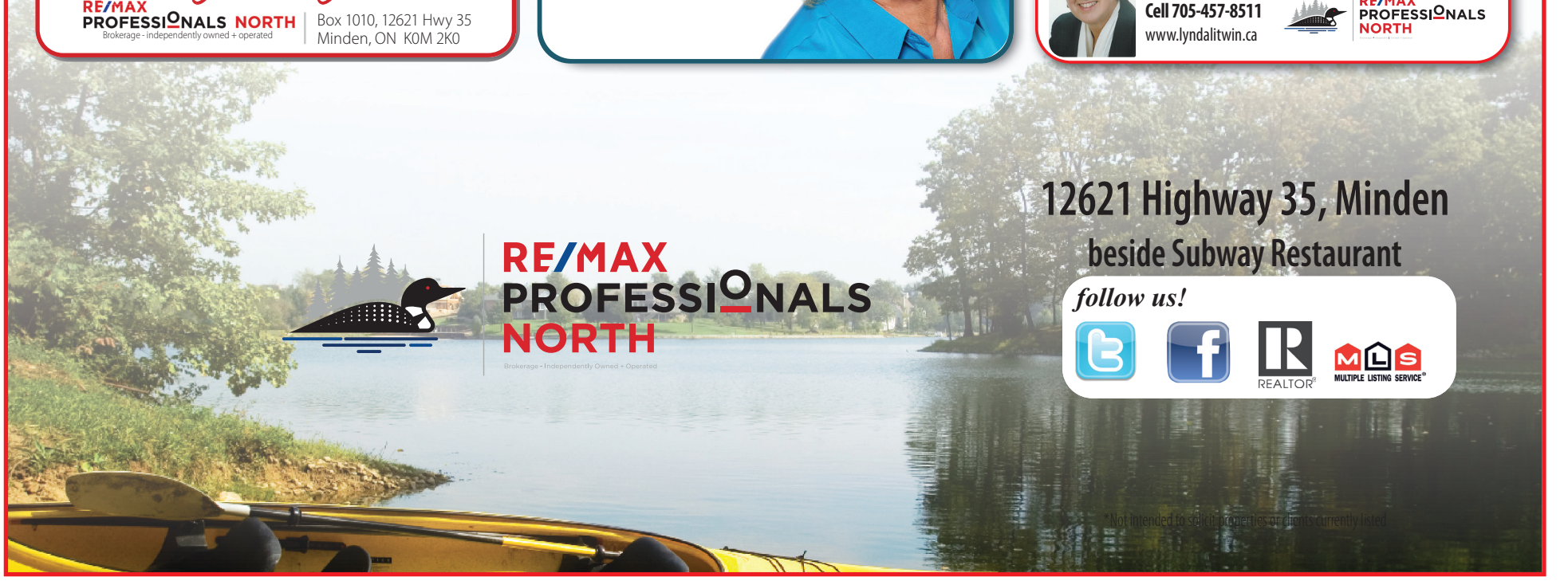

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School days

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

THE FIRST few blazing orange leaves have started to appear on the maple trees around Haliburton County, even if the days still feel balmy. So, are you trying to squeeze the last few drops out of summer or are you ready to jump headlong into the autumn? It can be difficult to leave the long lazy days of summer behind, but early autumn is undoubtedly a season that comes with its own pleasures.

Even if it's been many years since you were last in school, there's still that sense of back to school excitement and new beginnings whatever your age. For many of us, it takes us back to that flurry of back to school preparation, perhaps deciding that last year's backpack was still in good shape, but hoping for a new pencil case for some carefully sharpened coloured pencils. It might also remind you of the matter of back to school clothes - those perfect autumn outfits (often in my memory seeming to involve turtlenecks and tights) which would ensure a heatwave for the first two weeks of classes. In addition, there was the excitement of a new classroom, a new desk and, of course, a new teacher.

While today, we may be used to having many classes and even hundreds of students under one roof, that wasn't always the case in Haliburton County. One room schoolhouses were dotted across the landscape in the 19th century, often thanks to local families pooling their funds to ensure that their children had a spot to learn that wasn't located too far away from home in an era before automobiles and school buses. Many of these schools would come to be known by the names of the families who had sponsored them, such as in the case of the Moon School, named for farmer and local politician Thomas Moon and his family. These schools were often run by young teachers, sometimes not much older than their eldest students, who, with minimal formal training, managed to teach a variety of subjects and a range of grades all at once, long before multitasking became a buzzword. Rooming with local families, these teachers were also sometimes new to the community in which they were employed, trying to find their place and sense of belonging, while also feeling a need to present themselves in a particular way because of the position they now held. Their minds must have been always busy, but they made a difference in the lives of so many young students, some of whom would then go on to become teachers themselves.

Over the decades, changes in schooling styles and in transportation meant that a number of the one room schoolhouses in which these teachers taught were no longer being used for their original purpose. Many have received a new lease on life however, thanks to local residents who feel that having a historic home with an interesting story is a huge bonus.

While much has changed since the heyday of one room schoolhouses, other aspects of education have endured, such as the huge impact that teachers have on their students. Off the top of my head, I can think of many teachers from my childhood who sparked and encouraged interests which are still part of my life today… including a love for writing! So, thank you to all the amazing teachers out there! Wishing you and your students a fabulous school year!

Top 10 reasons why there are no Scottish astronauts

THE SCOTTISH are a wonderful people who I respect and admire – and they are good at making Happy Meals too. So, it strikes me as odd that, as far as I know, there are no Scottish astronauts.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

I gave this some thought and here are the top 10 things that might explain it.

1. Zero Gravity. Kilts.
2. Scotty's temper ruined it for all of them.
3. Real fear that haggis might become sentient once in space.
4. Bagpipe practice might deter alien contact.
5. Fight might break out when an American astronaut asks if that's an Irish accent.
6. Refusal to behave during World Cup events.
7. Tartan coloured space suit too difficult to manufacture,
8. Stubborn bravery convinces them that they could just hold their breath on a "wee space walk."
9. Not enough room on the spaceship for the caber.
10. Lunar surface reminds them too much of home.

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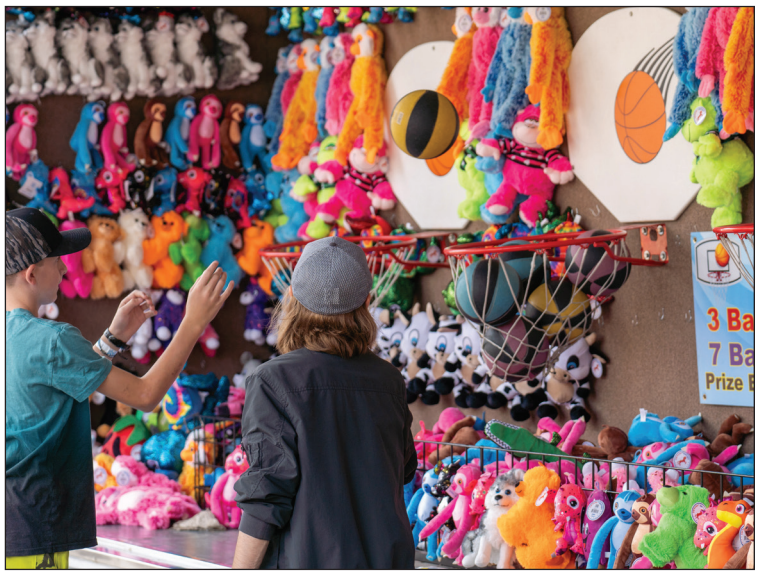
Petals

Pair of white butterflies fluttering through Air,
like torn bits of tissue, scattered in the Wind, their wings zig-zagging above the tall grasses and weeds
that spring from both sides of the trail, my eyes following the path of their flight, as they flutter higher,
sharing Air with smears of birds that fly past, the butterflies' white wings, like the petals of a flower,
blooming in the Air,
as I stare at the pair, flying so close together, they look like one,
wondering whether they started their journey together, or met somewhere up there, in the Air,
keeping one another company as they flutter along the trail, my eyes growing dizzy,
watching their wings as if they are stuttering sometimes, pausing in the Air, uncertain where to go,
flying in separate directions, the petals of their white wings, tearing, then coming back together,
making the flower whole,
the edges of their wings grazing one another, as they explore the terrain of the trail,
skimming the tips of tall grasses, bending in the breeze, fluttering over bushes into the tangle of trees,
where they disappear from sight, and I wish them a safe journey on their flight, for however long it takes,
wondering what the lifespan of these flecks of white butterflies is,
knowing only summer and the warmth of breeze ruffling their wings, hoping the pair stay together,
as I spot another white butterfly fluttering solo across the trail,
wondering whether it's searching for the pair, swallowed by leaves, a lightness to its flight,
as it zig-zags through Air,
flitting right over a thatch of grass where a monarch rests its wings, breathing like tiny lungs,
as I crouch down to watch,
its stillness, a contrast to the frenzy of the white butterflies' flight,
and I wonder how long it's been resting here, in the shade, seeking reprieve from the heat,
my pinky tempted to graze its rust-coloured wings, but I leave it be, not liking it if a stranger on the trail
randomly poked at me,
my eyes admiring the beauty of the monarch's wings, marveling at its journey before it arrived in the world of
Air and light,
not knowing what it was or what it would become, its presence here on earth,
brief as the blooming of a flower,
before its petals wilt and fall to the ground, its wings fluttering back up into Air,
skimming the tips of tall grasses and weeds, before it rises higher and higher, above the tops of trees,
breeze, warm as Breath, stroking the butterfly on its flight, as it continues its journey through Air and light,
maybe passing other butterflies along the way, flying solo or in pairs,
and I wonder whether they know where they will land, as I stand on the trail, amongst the grasses and weeds,
where the pair of white butterflies flew, all of us, just passing through,
these flutters of Breath, inhaling Air and light, becoming what we once knew,
before doubt planted seeds and weeds strangled the roots of flowers waiting to bloom.

Sylvie Kalenda

A driver keeps both hands on the wheel while riding a bumper car.



Fun at the fair

A fairgoer tries his hand at a basketball game at last year's Kinmount Fair. Don't miss the iconic Kinmount Fair this weekend for games, rides, vendors, and more. /FILE

Prize winners walked through the middle of the fair during the parade.

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Those Other Movies will be kicking off the 2024/25 movie season in Haliburton with our first film of the season *Wicked Little Letters*, on Sept. 12 with showings at 4:15 and 7:15 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Wicked Little Letters is a light-hearted start to the season with a stranger-than-fiction true story from a 1920s English seaside town. It is a riotous mystery/comedy starring Jessie Buckley, Olivia Colman and Timothy Spall. There is some colourful language as residents in this small town begin to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities.

Be careful what you post - underneath the comedic presentation, the movie will prompt thinking about the roles of women, what has changed and what has not, and the dangers of making assumptions. The film features a "woman police officer". Britain's first women police constables were employed in 1915, doing "men's work" during the First World War and continued in those roles from that point forward.

Our October movie (Oct. 10) is *Ezra*. Starring Bobby Cannavale, Rose Byrne and Vera Farmiga, this film features William Fitzgerald, a talented young actor with autism. There is a lot to learn from William's character, Ezra, as he navigates relationships with his family and peers. His parents show that efforts to do what is best for their son can manifest in very different ways.

While streaming services allow home viewing, nothing compares to watching movies on a big screen, in community, and having a chance to reflect and discuss what we see together. Join us on the second Thursday of each month to watch movies together.

We have purchased a new projector to improve the viewing experiences and a new audio system is coming soon!

Thanks to our generous sponsors, we are still able to charge just $10 per film or $70 for a season's pass - cash only at the door.

Soon, you will be able to purchase a yearly pass and tickets for both the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) and Doc(k) Days on our website.

Check out: www.thoseothermovies.com
Mark your calendars:
HIFF dates are: Nov. 1, 2, 3.
Doc(k) day is: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Submitted

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Gull Lake Rock the Dock in support of Minden Community Food Centre
When: Sunday, Sept. 1 from 2 to 5 p.m..
Where: The host cottage is located across the Lake from Kilcoo Camp.
In conjunction with the food centre team we are raising money and taking food donations.

Minden & District Horticultural Society
When: Tuesday, September 3, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Center, 55 Parkside St. Minden
Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the speaker will start at 7 p.m. Our guest speakers Hazel and Joe Cook will be discussing 'Beekeepers from a Gardener's Perspective'. Followed by the monthly society meeting. The Junior Members Program will meet at the Minden Community Center from 6 to 7 p.m. The Junior Members program is for children in Gr. 2 or higher that want to explore their interest in all things that grow

FOHCPL Café - A Conversation with Bernie Nicholls
When: Monday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Haliburton County Public Library, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd.,
Join local author Janet Trull in conversation with Bernie Nicholls, retired NHL player and author. Bernie will share his stories. Signed copies of Bernie's book will be available for $20. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is by donation. Contact Penni at 705-286-3276

Recurring events

Haliburton Sculpture Forest Free Guided Walking Tours
When: Tuesdays in July and August, 10 a.m.
Where: 297 College Dr. Haliburton
Meet at the kiosk in the Fleming College - Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held rain or shine and can take up to 2 hours. Tours are free but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information visit: www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca

Weekly Meat Rolls
When: Every Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 48 & 35
Join us for our weekly meat draw at the Coboconk Legion. 5 spins for $10. The first 4 rounds are for highest and lowest score with 2 winners per round. The last round is for a prepare-it-yourself dinner for two. Additional spins for this round are available for $2 each. Call (705) 454-8127 or email info@coboconklegion.ca for more information.

Scottish Country Dancing
When: Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St.
Come One! Come All! Join us for a multigenerational, lively, rockin' good time! You don't have to be Scottish to enjoy Scottish Country Dancing. Beginners are always welcome, no partner required. Please bring soft soled indoor shoes. In order to plan the dances for the evening please RSVP to haliburtonscottishcountrydance@gmail.com by Tuesday evening. $5 per person, per evening.

Lakeside Church Service
When: Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Where: 9 Park Street, Haliburton.
Whoever you are, wherever you've been, you are welcome here.

Band on the Sand fundraiser

SIRCH Community Services is shouting out a giant thank you to Tyler Chapman and the Chapman Family Band! The Band on the Sand Fundraiser held this past weekend on Aug. 17 had a great turnout (despite the inclement weather!) and they were able to raise substantial funds to help support our vital SIRCH community programs! Thanks to amazing community initiatives like this, we really CAN make a difference. Thank you so much Chapman Family Band. /Photo submitted

Collecting cans

Thank you so much Jordana Bain-Burk for raising funds for SIRCH at the bottle drive held at the Fort Irwin Marina! Our valuable programs rely on the support and generosity of community members. Together we can make a difference! Visit sirch.on.ca/donate to learn more about our community programs and how you too can help. /Photo submitted

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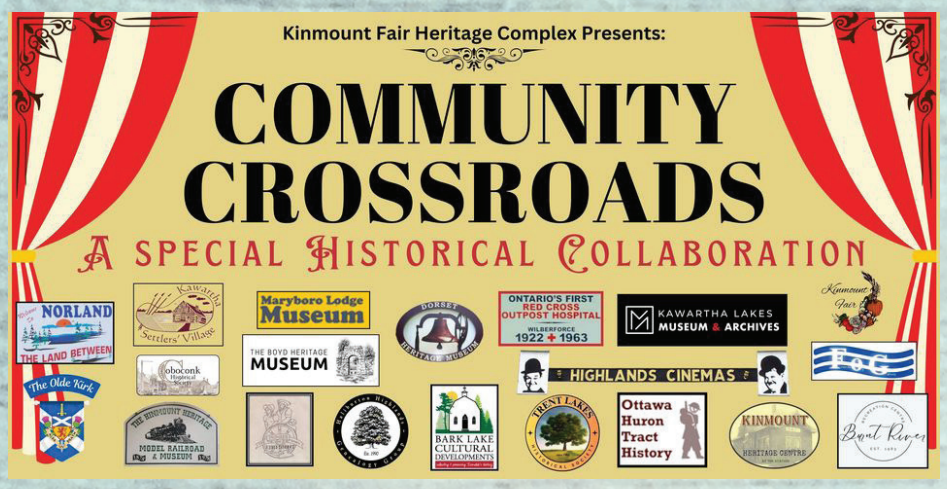

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Midway - World's Finest Shows (Opens 11 a.m. each day)
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Saddle Horse Show - 9 a.m.
Black Fly Boogie Band
Fair Ambassador Program - 2 p.m. in the Heritage Tea Garden
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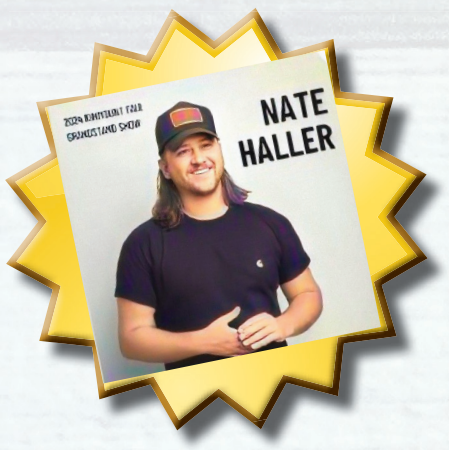

SATURDAY, AUG 31

Horse, Cattle & Sheep Shows throughout the day
Great Canadian Wrestling - 1 p.m.
Grandstand Show featuring Nate Haller - 2 p.m.
Heavy and Light Drawing Matches - 5 p.m.
Dance in the Arena - 9 p.m. - AMBUSH - Admission $20 at door

SUNDAY, SEP 1

Miniature Horse Show - 9 a.m.
King & Queen of Strength Strongman Competition - 10 a.m.
Dairy Goat Show - 11 a.m.
Children's Races - 10 a.m. & Mutt Show - 11:30 a.m.
Chainsaw Carving Auction - 1:30 p.m.
Demolition Derby - 3 p.m. - 5 classes

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Trivia time!

Minden Pride's 2024 Trivia Night hosted by Sean Pennylegion, left, and Jack Brezina was a full house at the Dominion Hotel on Thursday, Aug. 22. Teams enjoyed food and drinks while participating in some tricky 2SLGBTQIA+ trivia. /TIM YANO Special to *County Life*

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Household Hazardous Waste Day -Tory Hill

Saturday, September 28. 10 am to 2 pm.

Tory Hill Landfill 19178 Highway 118 between Wilberforce and Tory Hill. Dispose of items such as paint and oil that would not normally be allowed at landfills.

Geocaching

Geocaching is a family friendly outdoor game. It's often referred to as "treasure hunting with a high tech twist" because you use the geocaching.com website and either a GPS device or a smartphone. GPS Rentals are available from the Visitor Information Centre and come preloaded so you can start playing right away.

Try Pickle Ball!

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MP Charlie Angus and his band The Grievous Angels will be performing a fundraising concert for Places for People on Saturday, Aug. 31 at Haliburton Forest Historic Logging Museum.

This is a special event concert. Angus is an outspoken advocate for affordable housing especially in rural communities like Haliburton … it's something near and dear to his heart in the area he represents as the MP for Timmins-James Bay.

Places for People has a unique approach to providing affordable housing in Haliburton County with 20 residential units. Since 2010 P4P has provided homes for more than 100 people in our community. In 2023, through a Community Bond Raise the community invested $850,000 which allowed the organization to consolidate mortgages and obtain two new dwellings with 13 units. Their goal is to build new affordable units to address the ongoing need in the County.

Tenants in Haliburton County spend nearly 50 per cent of their income on housing according to a recent study. People working full time earning minimum wage can barely survive in this community and finding affordable housing is the main reason (Haliburton County Community Safety and Well-being Plan). This impacts everyone from employers to tourists and local residents.

This event is presented by the Telling our Stories Speakers series and the Haliburton County Folk Society. All proceeds are going to Places for People. Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve have graciously donated the facility for the evening. Thanks also to our media sponsor CanoeFM.

There will be a Toonie auction. Items include a Haliburton Forest gift certificate, tickets to the 2024/25 Telling our Stories Speakers series and tickets to one Haliburton County Folk Society concert.

Bring your toonies.

Tickets: haliburtonfolk.com

Where: Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve in the Historic Logging Museum

When: 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31

There will be a bar - *cash only*

Please consider making a donation info@placesforpeople.ca placesforpeople.ca During the month of August there is a campaign to get 20 monthly donors. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

Submitted by the Haliburton County Folk Society

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A fox relaxes on a summer day. /LAURA SMITH Staff

A group of young Mallards. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Social Cornhole 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Canteen opens at 6 p.m. with open darts to start at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (members only) at 7:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday every month
Friday: Backyard BBQ 5 to 7 p.m.
Bingo: doors 0pen at 5:30 p.m. play starts at 6:45 p.m. $300 jackpot with a progressive $500 jackpot (no bingo on Aug. 30 (see below)
Saturday: Canteen opens at 3 p.m. with meat draw to start at 5 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd Sunday every month at 2 p.m.
Special Bingo on Thursday, Aug. 29 Doors open at 5 p.m. with food available play starts at 6:45 p.m. $500.00 MUST GO jackpot
Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1 - Breakfast is available from 7 until 11 a.m.
Hall available to rent for any occasion, call 705-488-3462. Everyone is welcome to any events, to join our meetings then become a member. Follow our Facebook page - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount. We are always posting new events! For all you ladies out there, join our Ladies Auxiliary, we are always looking for new faces! If you are interested, please phone 705-928-7105!

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

Branch 624 Wilberforce

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Monday: Darts 7 p.m. Open 6 to 10 p.m.
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Thursday: Open 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 6 Fish and chips/chicken fingers
Friday, Sept. 13, 27 Wings and Jam night Seniors' Lunch
Friday, Sept. 20 Chicken Parmesan
Saturday Meat draw Legion open 2 to 11 p.m.
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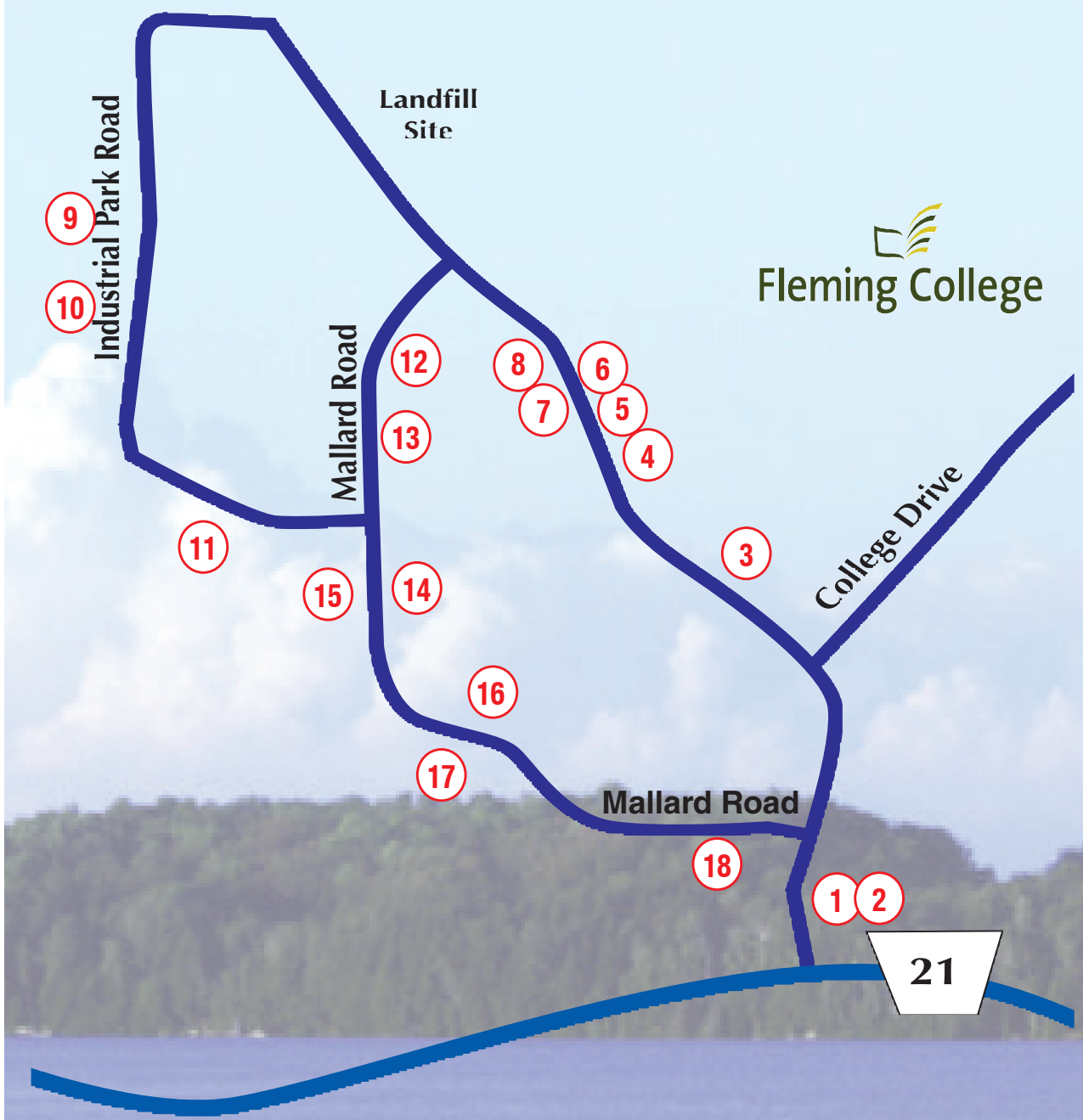

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A close friend who hears my writing by phone before I otherwise share it suggested this title. She's a former country girl now living in the city, and I'm the opposite. We chat often, and I always come away with that deep wide afterglow where we've not only solved everyone's problems, designed a perfect political party, and written off our malaise as probably "normal", we've learned just a little bit more about ourselves and each other. And it doesn't matter that we're now professional seniors. We still attach the same excitement and sincerity to all our conversations, phone-wise, at a pub, or sunk into pastel upholstery inside her big sunny Bloor West living room.

We ask, we listen, we answer. How are things? What are you reading? Nancy said wha-a-a-at? Sleeping OK? How many stray cats does Nancy have now? Don't you *love* that new song they're playing everywhere?

We're both forever young. Born in the 50s, gripped by the 60s, finishing school in the 70s, educating others in the 80s. We are the champions. And we're still fully loaded. Triggered by everything. Everything boomer. Archaic fads like denim ...

And aviator glasses. Bell-bottoms. Converse. Batman. Tie-dye. Knock-knock jokes. Graphic t-shirts. Hot Wheels. LPs. Crochet vests. ABBA. Pedal-pushers.

Pedal-pushers … ? I mean "capris".

That playlist could be way bigger. The road is long when you keep searching for a heart of gold. We swerve on many a winding trail. She can be my bridge over troubled water, and because of her sweet emotion, I will survive. It's my stairway to Heaven when she asks what's goin' on. "O-o-h child", she'll respond. It's all about stayin' alive. And accepting that everything is beautiful. What to do about night fever? You should be dancing, yeah!

We're in our seventies. We *loved* the 70s. We celebrated everything every single day. Our freedoms, our possibilities, our friendships. And perpetual youth, where love will keep us together. Though neither of us is a rich girl, we let it be, whether we choose a band of gold, the spirit in the sky, or fire and rain.

But we're actually rich. The 70s still seem so tangible. My millennial kids also love its vibe, its tunes. They're hooked on a feeling. They like disco. Classic rock. They get the message. They sing the lyrics.

My city pal refuses to turn jaded, complacent, or to reduce her reading to only the fluffiest stuff. She campaigns, volunteers, marches, boycotts, pickets, donates, checks on neighbours, secures help for those who can't or don't know how. She eats up documentaries, and wanders urban markets for freshest produce so her table cohorts can appreciate health on the wisdom of her budget. She internalizes others' anguish, and assists without ego, yet leans on hope and common sense, preferring to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.

Maybe I'm amazed at the way she listens all the time. Staying forever young isn't totally doable with our fading bodies. But we can still *imagine*.

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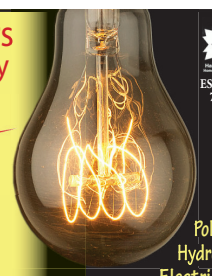

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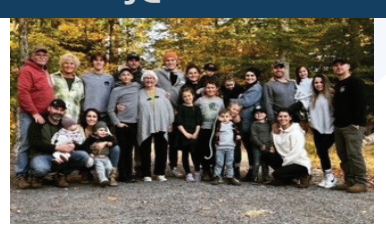

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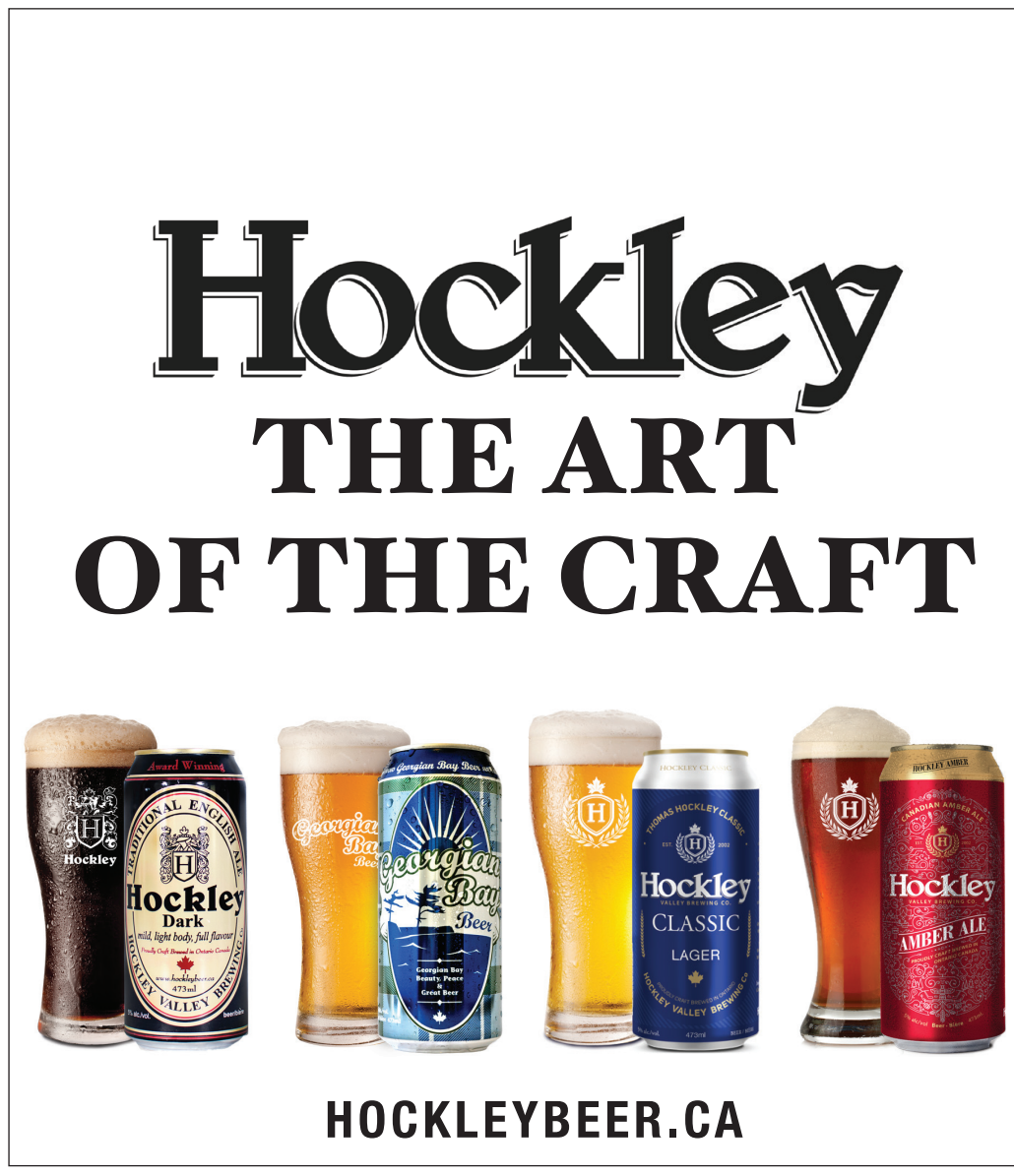

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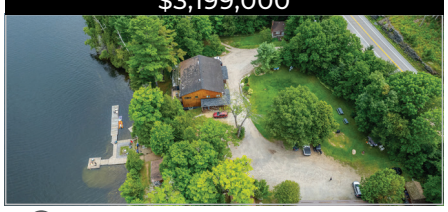

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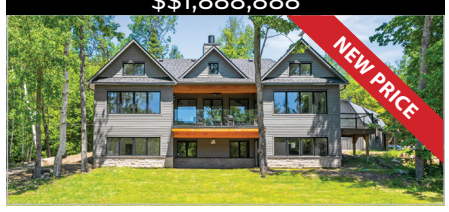

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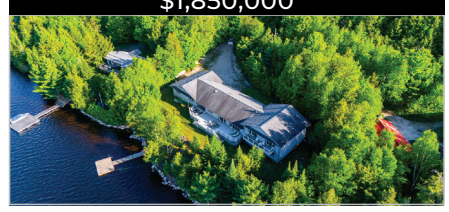

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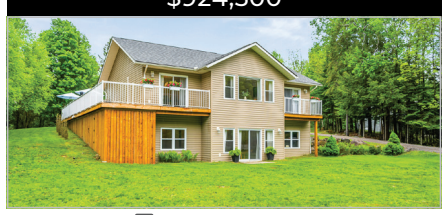

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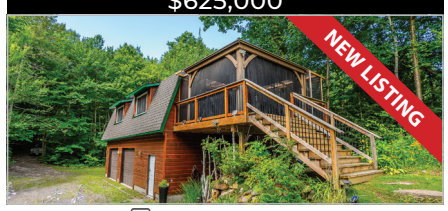

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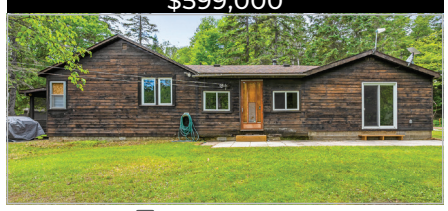

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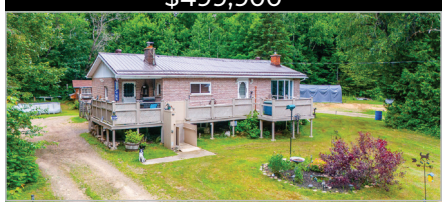

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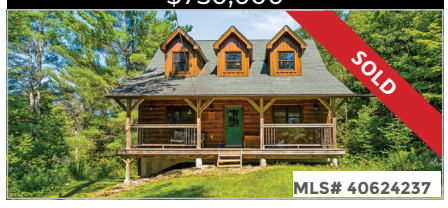

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Waiting for the fun to start:
Games are always a highlight of the anuual picnic and fun day for Canning Lake cottagers, and when the youngsters had earned their prizes, it was time for the adults to get involved in zany races and share some laughter with their lakeside neighbours. **More on page 9**

Digital mapping may come to the rescue

DIANA ZLOMISLIC
Staff Reporter

In an emergency, privacy can be a dangerous thing when your house is tucked into a corner of a forest only you and your nearest neighbour (10 km along the winding path) know how to get to.

That's where really good, up-to-date maps come in.

Driven by his passion for cartography, Stephen Foster, is trying to get cottagers' associations organized so that even properties out in the "boonies" can receive emergency attention promptly.

Foster, a director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, held a public meeting at the Dysart community centre recently to discuss the need for a newer, technologically based mapping system in the county.

Haliburton is one of four regions covered by the Lindsay dispatch area for the Ministry of Health. For each of these regions, an emergency response atlas is available for ambulances and dispatch officers to help them pinpoint the caller's location.

The problem is that Haliburton's maps in the Ministry's files haven't been updated since 1987.

Since the government is no longer responsible for maintaining accurate maps, FOCA has created a program called "Cottage Where" which would address the mapping issue.

Working with the Ministry of Health, Foster says FOCA will issue updated, digitalized maps if cottagers' associations are willing to put in some driving time.

Foster proposed that members of these associations literally

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Strike ends as VON nurses sign two-year contract

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Victorian Order of Nurses and its Registered Practical Nurses reached a two-year settlement late last week, bringing an end to the RPNs' almost month-long strike.

The RPNs went back to work starting August 2.

Because of the long weekend holiday, details about the contract settlement were difficult to ascertain.

However, a Friday afternoon press release from Marion Schwiebert, president of the Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton VON's board of governors, says "I would like to congratulate the VON and

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